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Regents to debate 1995-96 tuition tomorrow

Leon: 'Most students know they should be paying more' for value

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While College officials remain mum about a possible fee hike, they do say the jump will be less than 10 percent.

"Even if we needed that much, I don't think we could do it," said College President Julio Leon.

DEAN SEARCH

Horvath tabbed for vacancy

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

After a five-month national search, Missouri Southern tentatively has a new dean of the school of education and psychology.

Dr. Michael Horvath verbally accepted the position earlier this week but has yet to sign the contract.

"It's not a done deal," Horvath said last night from his home in Peoria, Ill. "And until it is, I don't think I should say anything until early next week. It's still a bit premature yet, and I want to wait until everything falls into place."

He is currently chairman of the department of education at Bradley University.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, believes Horvath has what it takes to represent the College.

"We thought all of the candidates had lots of strengths, and it was just a difficult decision," Bitterbaum said. "I have a lot of confidence that he will be an excellent dean. He was on everyone's list as either No. 1 or No. 2."

"We are very excited that he has accepted the position."

Dr. Gwen Murdock, associate professor of psychology, said Horvath's ability to articulate his ideas gave him an advantage.

"We wanted an administrator who went through NCATE (National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education) successfully," Murdock said. "He's also an intellectual and a scholar."

Bitterbaum said Horvath will earn the same salary as the other deans on campus.

On another front, Bitterbaum said the search for a new dean of arts and sciences is making progress. The search committee has narrowed the field to about a dozen and will meet again Tuesday to select finalists for campus visits. □

Board.

Leon said the impact of any tuition hike would be felt most by current students.

"Most students know they should be paying more [for the value received]," he said. "But it is hard to get them to accept that fact."

"Students who have been here a while and have gotten used to paying a certain amount would probably react more strongly."

Richard Humphrey, director of admissions, said recruiting new

students could become a problem if the Board fails to act on the matter this week.

"Parents are concerned about their position financially," he said.

"A lot of the assurances I can give parents deal with being able to tell them what the tuition will be."

"If we wait any longer, they'll shop around—and I don't want them shopping around."

Whatever the increase, Leon stresses that students here would pay much more at other Missouri

institutions.

"An increase of 25-35 percent is in line with what they would be paying elsewhere," he said.

"I seriously doubt that the average student would feel what we charge is outrageous."

The fee schedule is only the basic rate, Leon said. He cited institutional financial aid as ways to reduce students' overall costs.

"We have things like the Regents scholarships, for instance," he said. "Very few students end up paying the sticker

price, if you will."

While Leon said the out-of-state fee waiver to be offered by Pittsburg State University will create competition, he does not believe the effect will be significant.

"Students will have to decide if it is in their best interests to go there or come here," he said. "If a student perceives that it is best for them to go there, they will."

"We will find out soon."

The Board will meet tomorrow at 1 p.m. □

ADRENALINE RUSH



Mark Stuart, lead singer of the Christian rock band Audio Adrenaline, gives an emotional finish as he performs for students, faculty, and Joplin residents at the Taylor Performing Arts Center Friday night.

ENROLLMENT

Decline may force cuts in classes, part-time faculty

By JOHN HACKER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The drop in enrollment this spring could mean fewer classes and part-time faculty at Missouri Southern in the 1995-96 school year.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said fewer students means less money from tuition, and possible budget cuts.

"We're not going to have as much money in the overload and part-time budget this year," he said. "I got together with the deans and decided the budget needed to be smaller, but that department heads needed to be able to use that money creatively."

The total head count of students enrolled at Southern is down from 5,281 last spring to 5,000 this

semester, a decline of 5.3 percent.

A major factor in the decline was an 11.5 percent slide in the number of part-time students from 1,933 in 1994 to 1,711 in 1995.

The number of full-time students fell by only 1.8 percent, from 3,348 in 1994 to 3,289 in 1995.

Dr. Dolores Honey, director of institutional assessment and research, said this area's vibrant economy was a factor in the reduced number of part-time students.

"Traditionally when the economy is doing well, fewer people go back to college," Honey said. "Our full-time enrollment is only down 1.8 percent, so that means students with majors are staying here and completing them."

Richard Humphrey, director of admissions, said a good economy means part-time students have

less time to attend college.

"In the years I've been here I've noticed that when the economy is on an upswing, employers add shifts and add to [individuals'] hours," Humphrey said.

"I took three withdraw from college slips [yesterday] from students whose employers had changed their schedules."

Honey said the drop is not isolated to Southern.

"Other schools in the state have said they were down as well, as it's a part of a larger trend," she said.

The trend may be in the process of reversing itself, however. As of last Friday, 876 applications for enrollment had been received in

the admissions office compared to 722 at the same time last year. This 21 percent increase reflects the increase in the number of high school students reaching

Enrollment at a glance

	Spring 1995	Spring 1994
Headcount	5,000	5,281
Part-time	1,711	1,933
Full-time	3,289	3,348
Male	2,243	2,350
Female	2,757	2,931
Credit hours	56,819	58,740

Humphrey said it also means students are reacting to a more competitive college market.

"I think students are realizing that Missouri Southern has higher academic standards and they can't wait till the last minute to get in," he said. "This encourages students to take the positive step and start earlier."

Bitterbaum said the budget is flexible if enrollment jumps in the future.

"If freshmen enrollment increases dramatically, we might be able to add funds to the overload and part-time budget," he said, "but we decided to be cautious and develop a schedule that reflects the decreases we've had." □

By JOHN HACKER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Come next fall, communications students will get an international view of broadcasting.

Thanks to the federal Fulbright Scholar in Residence program, a Chinese communications official will join Missouri Southern's faculty in the fall and teach classes in Chinese and International Broadcasting.



Kezhen Liu

Kezhen Liu, head of the department of technology in the Ministry of Broadcast, TV, and Film in China, will stay in Joplin for approximately 10 months.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said the next step is for the American Embassy in Beijing to contact the Chinese government to confirm Liu's availability.

Bitterbaum said the current tensions between the United States and China over trade is a concern but shouldn't affect Liu's arrival.

Kezhen Liu is the brother of Kexi Liu, director of the Suzuki Violin Academy at Southern.

Kexi Liu said the idea of the scholarship came about in a conversation with Bitterbaum last fall.

"When I first met [Dr. Bitterbaum] we talked about informa-

tion exchange," Kexi Liu said. "I told him about my brother, and he got the idea for a [Fulbright] Scholarship."

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This was a very competitive year, and funding has been cut. It's an honor [for Southern] to have been chosen for one of the scholars.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Kexi Liu said he talked to his brother about the scholarship two weeks ago.

"I think he's very excited about

the opportunity," Kexi Liu said. "This is a big honor for anybody."

Only four Fulbright Scholars from the East Asian and Pacific

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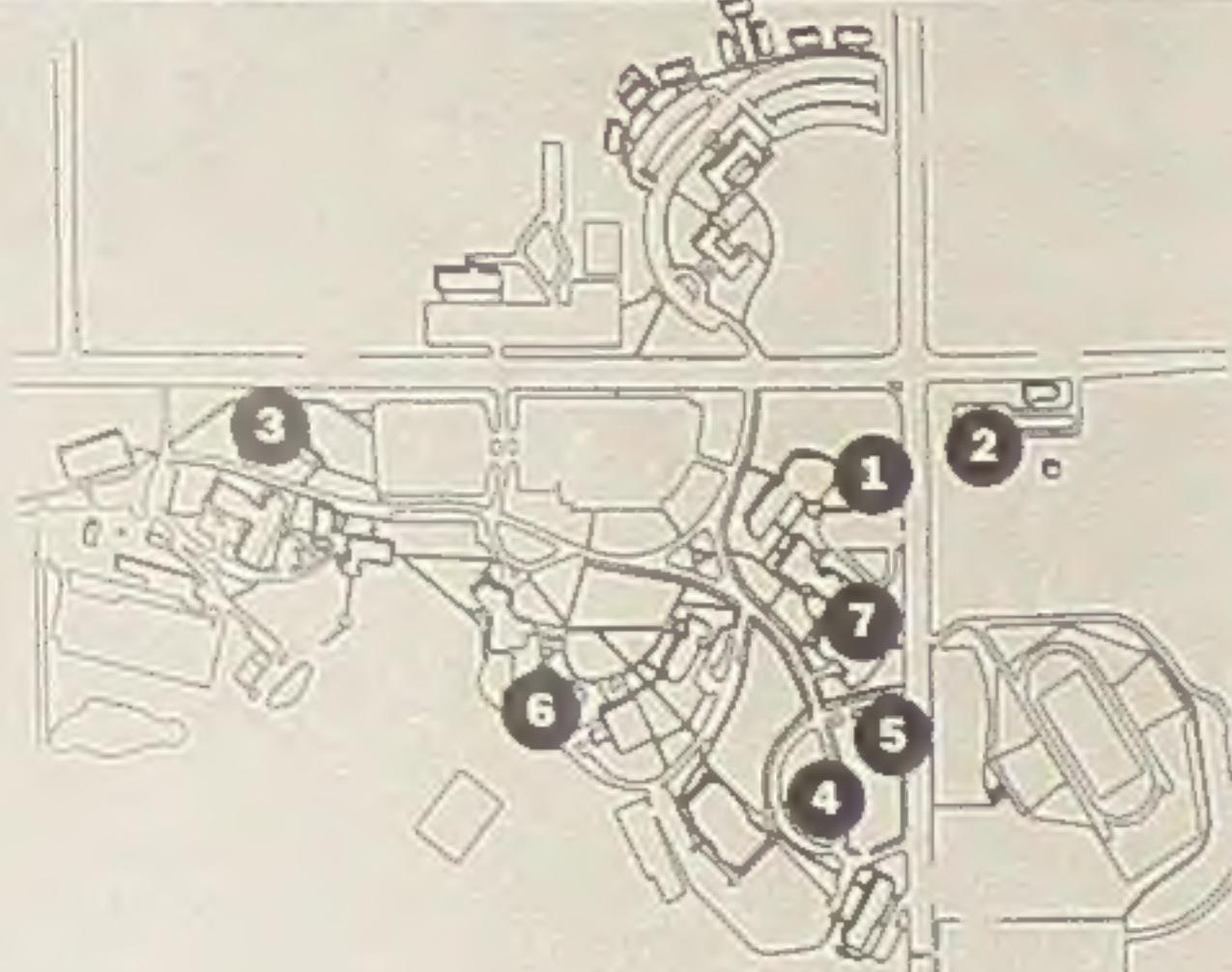
"Other scholars come from other parts of the world," Bitterbaum said. "This was a very competitive year, and funding has been cut. It's an honor [for Southern] to have been chosen for one of the scholars."

Bitterbaum said the federal government will pay for the scholar's transportation, salary, and orientation.

The College will pay for his housing, a meal ticket, and a small stipend.

"It's hard to tell at this point how much it will cost us, but the money will come out of institutional support," Bitterbaum said. □

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



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| 1 | 2/7/95 | LOT 22 | 12:45 p.m. | Campus security contacted Angie Collet after discovering her car had been struck by a dumpster outside Mitchell Hall. The vehicle suffered damage to the right rear quarter panel. |
| 2 | 2/7/95 | LOT 41 | 1:48 p.m. | Richard Compton and Neller Simpkins were involved in a minor vehicle collision. Compton's car struck Simpkin's parked vehicle causing a small dent in the rubber bumper guard of Simpkin's vehicle. |
| 3 | 2/8/95 | KUHN HALL | 6:45 p.m. | Tina Peterson contacted security after stepping into a hole. Security discovered a loose concrete manhole cover and secured and barricaded the hole. |
| 4 | 2/8/95 | LOT 12 | 5:50 p.m. | Ryan Biggs discovered a purse belonging to P.L. or Mean Bullis of Carthage on the embankment south of Lot 12. Campus Security contacted Ileen Bullis and returned the purse. |
| 5 | 2/8/95 | LOT 12 | 7:55 a.m. | Christy Neal and Brandon Wilson were involved in a minor vehicle collision. While attempting to park her vehicle, Neal struck Wilson's vehicle with her right front bumper and right front quarter panel. Wilson's car suffered damage to the left rear quarter panel. |
| 6 | 2/10/95 | REYNOLDS HALL | 4:18 p.m. | Dr. John Messick, head of the department of biology, reported a microscope missing from Room 252 of Reynolds Hall. The microscope is valued at more than \$1,000. |
| 7 | 2/10/95 | TAYLOR AUD. | 8:30 p.m. | Campus security responded to an ill person attending a concert in Taylor Auditorium. A girl, 12, was transported by JEMS ambulance to Freeman Hospital and treated for heat prostration and breathing difficulties. |

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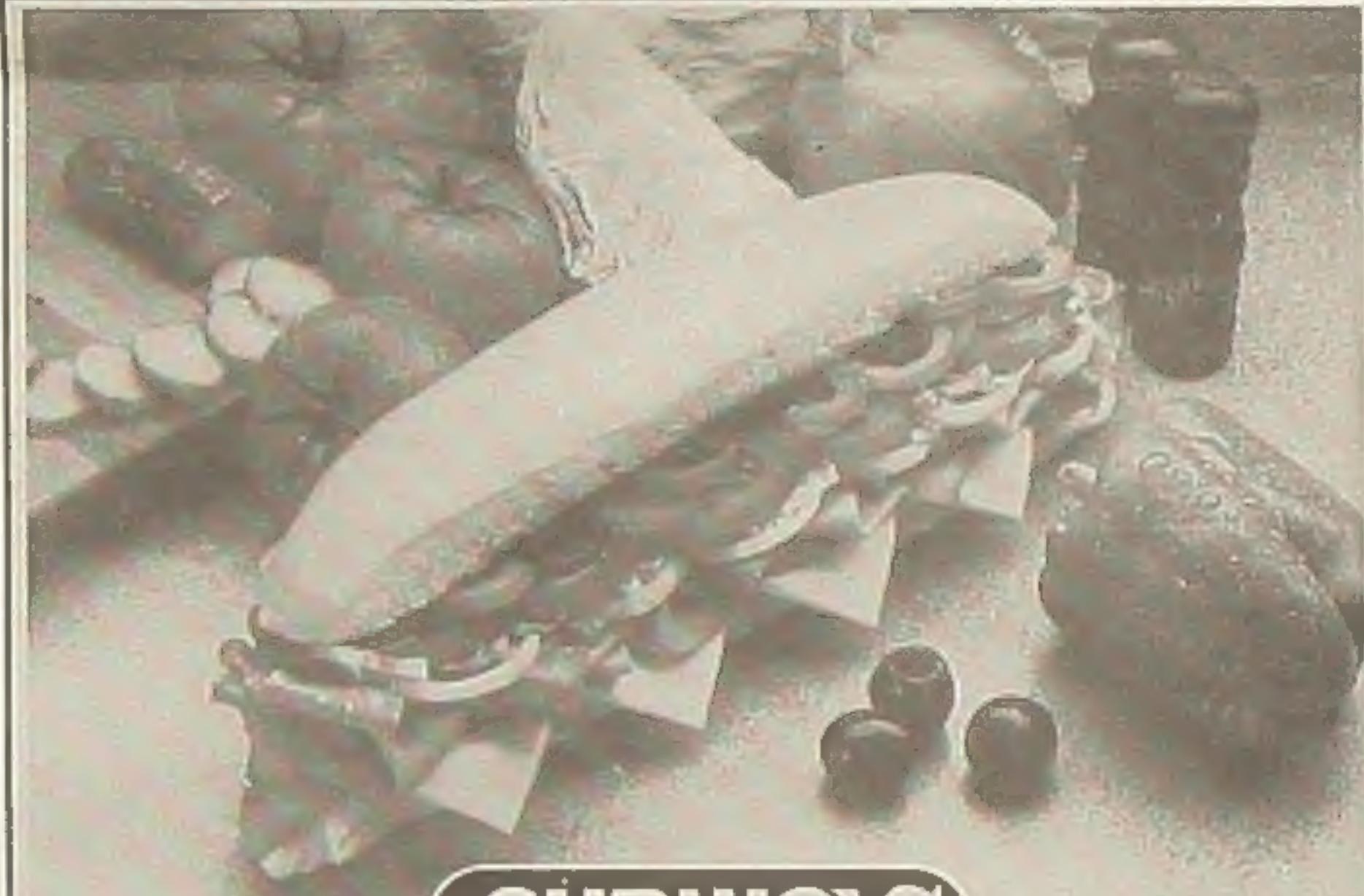


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Senators empty coffers

Request sparks debate over class excursion

BY GENIE UNDERNEHR

CAMPUS EDITOR

With three months left in the semester, the Student Senate coffers are empty. At last night's meeting, seven organizations and one class scrambled for the remaining treasury balance of \$4,704.77.

During a discussion of the first allocation request, finance committee member Jennifer Kuncel commented on the remaining funds.

"The finance committee met for almost an hour to look at all the allocations before the Senate meeting," she said.

"I realize we are running out of funds, but it is not fair to deny funds just because we are running out. When we're out, we're out."

The organizations receiving funds include Alpha Kappa Delta, \$1,000; Alpha Epsilon Rho, \$1,000; Pi Omega Pi, \$370; Society for the Advancement of Management, \$800; Student Council for Exceptional Children, \$300; Psychology Club, \$715; and Student American Dental Hygiene Association, \$519.77 (the remaining balance).

The class, History of the Holocaust, requested an allocation of \$1,000 to tour the Holocaust museum in Washington, D.C. over spring break. The Senate finance committee recommended an allocation of \$0.

The recommendation sparked discussion about whether to allocate funds to a class rather than a recognized student organization.

Christopher McConnell, senior senator, spoke on the class' behalf.

"Is it more important that we fund organizations, or should we focus on education?" he asked the Senate. "This class has the opportunity for a great learning experience. I think we should reconsider this. We have to look at this as though we have \$10,000 to spend."

Junior senator John Weedn said the money involved was not a factor.

"I remember a time when we had \$10,000," he said. "We're running out of money now because we didn't stop and think about those earlier allocations."

"This is a class—if we approve this allocation, we will be paying for people to go on a class trip."

Kuncel also addressed the issue of allocating money to College classes.

"I believe when we crossed the boundary and allocated money to the Intercession classes, we made

a big mistake," she said. McBride reinforced the finance committee's decision, and the Senate voted to allocate the class \$0.

"Due to lack of funds and the time of year, we recommend they (the class) go to the department heads and faculty for their funds," McBride said.

Organizations scheduled for next week that will not receive their requested allocations include Phi Alpha Theta, Art League, Model Arab League, and Missouri Iota Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon.

McBride said because the Senate received more allocation requests this semester than in the past, the funds went faster than usual.

Senate President Stacy Schoen said the Senate now can concentrate on communicating with Missouri Southern's student body.

"We've always tried to equal the focus between allocating money and dealing with student issues," she said.

"The focus on the money for the semester is over. Now we can give more attention to other student issues that have come up and do what we can to make Missouri Southern a better place for everyone."

FROM THE HEART



MARK TALLAFERRÒ/The Chan

Southern graduate Shannon Beckham emceed a concert featuring the band Audio Adrenaline Friday night in Taylor Auditorium.

FACULTY WELFARE

Break schedules to coincide

A request from the faculty welfare committee will enable Missouri Southern faculty and students to spend spring break next year with their children who attend Joplin schools.

The College has tried, unsuccessfully, to coordinate spring break schedules with the local school system in previous years.

But in 1996, the two have scheduled the same break. It will be March 18-22.

"MSSC took more of a lead in getting the days to coincide," said Dr. Glenn Cotharp, assistant superintendent of educational operations for the district.

"They have been real good about contacting us and trying to shoot for that."

The College and Joplin R-8 were not able to synchronize spring breaks this year. Southern's break is March 13-17; Joplin's is March 20-24.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said the College began working with the Joplin R-8 and other area school districts after a request from the faculty welfare committee. □



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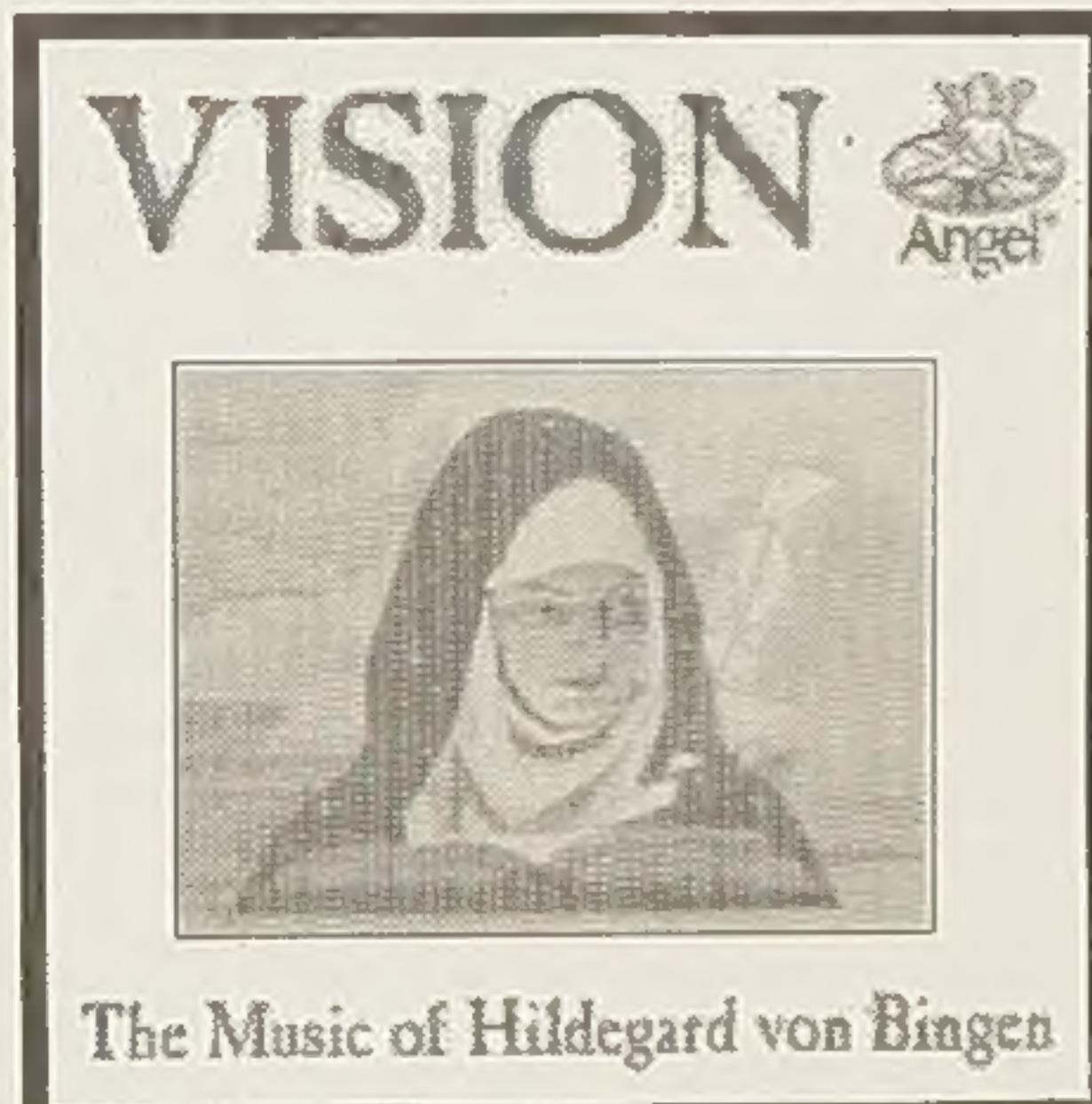
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The Chart PUBLIC FORUM

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Thursday, February 16, 1995



OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Same old song and dance

Tuition is going up, again.

With state funding increases not forthcoming and enrollment on the wane, Missouri Southern's money belt will have to tighten next fall. Among those feeling the pinch will be the usual targets—students and part-time faculty.

When the College's Board of Regents meets tomorrow, it will consider a new schedule of fees. Each spring the Board considers this, and each spring it jumps the price of attending classes here.

Recent fee increases increases have remained fairly moderate, with the exception of 1991's 10.6 percent jump. College President Julio Leon told a *Chart* reporter that the figure recommended to the Board tomorrow would not reach 10 percent. We certainly hope not.

College administrators have tried valiantly to make do with less than any other college or university in terms of funding per full-time equivalency student. It was tough going in the 1980s when Southern grew at a record pace.

The College has kept things lean for so long that

now, as the steady stream of students begins to run dry, there is no fat to cut. What will be cut are course offerings, overloads, and part-time faculty. Students will begin to pay more for less, and the College's reputation as Missouri's best value will begin to disappear.

True, tuition is going up across the state. Missouri colleges are no longer the only option, however. Pittsburg State University soon will offer an out-of-state fee waiver to qualified students in contiguous counties. PSU already charges less than Southern for an undergraduate credit hour. If a large fee hike results in a hike of students across the Missouri-Kansas border, a bad situation could become even worse. The solution to this problem lies in Missouri's Capitol.

In each of the last three years, higher education has hoped in vain to have its year in Jefferson City. Each of those years, state lawmakers have found other priorities, and now Missouri Southern will have to ask students to pay again.

Legislators continue to do the educational song and dance but refuse to pay the band. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail addresses: TheChart@aol.com or HRKP31E@prodigy.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Senator defends Koinonia, action at meeting

How 'bout that Senate Bashing? The *Chart* has once again spoken without thinking. It seems that the author of "Stop and think, Senate," has taken a very selfish attitude toward both Koinonia and the funds that Student Senate disburses.

Koinonia continually helps out with campus activities. They participate in Homecoming, help at ball games, volunteer for the Phon-A-Thon, and much more. By the way, *The Chart* conveniently failed to mention that the group of volunteers responsible for raising that \$7,000 in 90 minutes was, in fact, Koinonia. I guess Koinonia is allowed to help the College, but is not allowed

to receive any benefits from the College. Koinonia is one of the largest campus organizations, and EACH member has paid an activity fee, part of which goes to the Student Senate. If Koinonia is not allowed to utilize these funds, then maybe the fees of Koinonia members should be reduced by the amount that goes to Student Senate. (Yeah right.)

As far as the treasury of the Student Senate is concerned, we have ALWAYS operated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Enrollment is down, requests are up. Tough. Koinonia got their request in before other groups. I believe they should be commended for being timely, not condemned for being needy.

Student Senate does, in fact, represent the entire student body. We do not deplore any organization, and have not violated any principles. We do deplore the type of selfishness illustrated in the article. We are approachable. We listen to concerns. The stipulation is that you must first TELL US your concerns. But,

I guess the staff of *The Chart* is above even Senate. After all, we're only "boneheads."

Stop and think *Chart*—the bad move lies in your hands.

Jennifer Kunc
Student Senator

'Rivalry,' column prompts coach's response

I read the sports column by Rick Rogers with some interest. To be honest, I usually don't pay much attention to the articles, but there was one statement in the article which spurred me to write this letter.

First, when Rick Rogers contacted me about the Drury game, he mentioned that Chad Stebbins had mentioned the Drury game at one point was a big game. He needs to understand the Drury game isn't a District 16 NAIA game anymore. We've moved on the NCAA Division II. I don't know if you come to any athletic events, but you might find it pretty competitive.

There's several reasons to play the SIU game. We have several players from around the area, so it allowed

their families an opportunity to watch them play. The coach at SIU, Rich Herrin, was my high school coach. Plus, I still think it's a great opportunity to play a Division I program.

When this developed, I had to drop an opponent because of the 26-game NCAA limit. Drury, because of where the game was on our schedule, was the most logical. It's pretty obvious that Rogers doesn't understand athletics, and he's probably not a business major by suggesting we drop Rockhurst. There is a penalty clause in every contract in case one team isn't able to meet the obligations of the contract. We paid Drury \$1,000 to get out of our contract. Would it make sense to pay a team \$1,000 to drop a home game where we would also lose gate and concession

revenue? I don't think so.

I have a lot of respect for Gary Stanfield, Drury basketball coach. He's a good coach, and he's an even better person. But, the Missouri Southern-Drury game isn't a big gate game anymore. It's interesting to hear you call it a rivalry. How many of these games have you attended? I guarantee you haven't been on the bench, and been cursed at by not the students, but the adults. Also, we've only had altercations with one team since I've been here—Drury. If verbal abuse and fighting is a rivalry, then I don't need it. When I mentioned at a Lionbacker function that we wouldn't be playing Drury, I got a loud ovation. I

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Meeting my past

Questions answered after 19 years

Over Christmas break, I found a part of my past I had been missing all my life.

I met my biological father for the first time.

You see, for the first 19 years of my life I had no contact with my real father—no letters, no phone calls—nothing. Before Dec. 22, 1994, I had

never even seen a picture of him. His absence caused me to live with many unanswered questions, but one especially stuck out in my mind: Why wasn't he there for me?

At the time of my birth, my mother was 18 years old, my father 17. The two were faced with a situation for which they were unprepared, teenage pregnancy.

My father, surprised and shocked, didn't know how to handle it. Instead of taking care of his responsibilities, he chose the easy way out.

He broke up with my mother, leaving her to raise their child with the help of her parents.

As I was growing up, I felt his absence more and more every day. When I was 5, I remember asking my grandfather if he was my daddy because he was the only father figure I knew.

When I was playing Little League baseball, I remember looking in the stands at every game, wondering if any of the unfamiliar faces were my father.

And at my high school graduation, I really thought—hoped—he would be there to see me walk down the aisle to get my diploma. He wasn't. That was the day I realized I would have to take the first step if I wanted to meet him.

I never liked to talk about him with my



By Rick Rogers
Sports Editor

I wasn't nervous about meeting him until I stepped out of my car and onto his driveway. The walk to the doorstep seemed an etern-

ity. What was I going to say to him? Would we look alike? So many thoughts were rushing through my head until he said, "Hi, Rick; my name is Paul."

Then the pressure was gone. We finally met in person after 19 years. Our conversation helped me answer so many questions.

In the end, we both decided we would like to visit each other again and write often. As for calling him dad, that will never happen.

That title belongs to Jim Rogers, the man who took over the responsibilities of raising a 7-year-old when he married my mother. He was the one who taught me to throw a baseball, took me on camping trips, and snapped picture after picture at my high school graduation.

As for my mother, she could have easily rid herself of the responsibilities of raising me through abortion or adoption, but chose instead to keep me. Without that decision, I couldn't write this column today.

I did not write this to have people pity me, nor did I write it to tell my life story. I wrote this piece for those parents who have left their children at some point in their lives. At this very moment those children may be asking "Why?" □

IN PERSPECTIVE

Education in pieces

ACT COMP helps complete the puzzle

Putting the pieces of education together is like putting together a puzzle. The whole college experience makes up this puzzle of a college education. It may be the classroom experience in the core or major courses, advising, counseling, extra-curricular activities, internships, or faculty-student research, etc.

Just as in the major, what we teach is important in the core curriculum portion of this puzzle. We have all the classic parts. Then how can we improve it? That may be the very bottom line of this process called outcome assessment. We have been looking for answers in Phase I of our core

study, and Phase II should take us closer to that goal. So if we find we don't need to change what we teach, can we improve how we do it?

Dr. Joe Steele from the ACT COMP program joined Southern faculty recently and took us through several sessions designed to help us find out from ourselves what general education is at Southern and—going a step further—what we think it should be. Dr. Steele has worked with the College Outcomes Measures Program since 1977. He has traveled and consulted extensively in



By Dr. Delores Honey
Director of Assessment
& Institutional Research

assessment. Over 70 faculty participated in the sessions for core curriculum faculty as well as the focus groups, assessment and core study planning committees. Several students gave some interesting insights at the last session.

Did we learn anything about Southern's core and how it is perceived? Absolutely. Did we find how we compare to other institutions? Yes. What can we do with this knowledge? I believe we can use it as a foundation and build on it to get to the most important question—how do we improve teaching and learning at Southern. For example:

We may find there are many ways that one department or another teaches students to communicate.

There may be

many things we can learn from one another so that common course content can be taught or learned could be facilitated in some new and exciting approaches.

In this phase of the study a group is looking at problem solving. Many academic disciplines teach problem solving or critical thinking in unique ways. Could those techniques be shared across disciplines and give some new insights into teaching and learning?

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TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak in trouble; state could help

Members ponder whether to keep KC-St. Louis route

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

I think we can, I think we can, I think we can... That was lawmakers' answer to Amtrak's cry for help in a Senate-House joint committee hearing yesterday in Jefferson City.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Danny Staples (D-Eminence), was confronted by Mel Sundermeyer, director of the Transportation Division of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department, and Jack Hynes, railroad administrator for the state.

Amtrak originally set an April 2 expulsion deadline but extended the services of one of its two trains that travel between St. Louis and Kansas City until June 30, the end of the fiscal year for the state.

Sundermeyer said the state would have to provide an estimated \$4.9 million to keep the trains running next year. The state gave Amtrak \$2.1 million this year.

The committee said it wanted to look into the matter more closely and get some solid figures before making any decision about whether to recommend the amount.

Staples said the increase in state subsidies that Amtrak is asking for is extreme.

"I don't think the extra \$2.9 million or whatever is going to fly," he said.

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The state could look into this. We're in financial straits right now. We will run however many trains they want as long as they pay for it... The very existence of Amtrak is at stake here.

Tracy Davis
Amtrak spokesman

Sundermeyer said the federal government has cut Amtrak's subsidies from \$392 million to \$300 million. He also discussed the possibility that federal subsidies would be eliminated in the near future.

Tracy Davis, Amtrak spokesman,

said the train company is financially unstable and plans to reduce costs by eliminating routes, reducing service, and reorganizing the corporate structure.

"The state could look into this," Davis said. "We're in financial

straits right now. We will run however many trains they want as long as they pay for it."

Amtrak is facing a projected \$200 million deficit by Oct. 30, the end of its fiscal year. Davis said the events of the next eight months could make or break Amtrak.

Amtrak plans to make some changes in advertising and ticket prices to help its cause. Davis said.

"We are taking steps on our own to improve revenue and cut costs," he said.

The price for a round-trip ticket between Missouri's two largest cities will increase from \$45 to \$60 to help increase revenue.

Davis said the total effect from cut subsidies could become even more drastic.

"The very existence of Amtrak is at stake here," he said. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS**Northwest Missouri hires Georgia peach**

Dr. Joseph "Tim" Gilmour, vice president for strategic planning at Georgia Tech, will become the vice president for academic affairs at Northwest Missouri State University.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said Gilmour is "a genuine leader in higher education who is deeply committed to the quality of both student and faculty life. In this connection, Dr. Gilmour has been the coordinator for a five-year \$1 million Total Quality Management grant awarded by IBM to Georgia Tech."

Gilmour has been playing a major role in Georgia Tech's preparations for the 1996 Summer Olympics, including development of a campus master plan to guide the placement of \$250 million in new facilities, hiring an associate vice president charged with their construction, and chairing an interagency committee overseeing Georgia Tech's construction and participation in the Olympics.

He holds a Ph.D. in higher education from the University of Michigan and a master's in student personnel from the University of Delaware. Gilmour was executive assistant to the president and a faculty member at the University of Maryland for eight years before coming to Georgia Tech in 1989.

Northwest's new vice president is known for his work in the field of academic governance, particularly related to increasing the effectiveness of faculty senates. □

Central students, European summers

In an effort to prepare students to work in a more globalized society, Central Missouri State University is involved in a cooperative project to provide student internships with Central European business corporations next fall.

Representatives of CMSU, the University of South Dakota, and the University of Northern Iowa will finalize an agreement March 13 allowing the project to move forward. The formal agreement signing ceremony will take place in Maastricht, the Netherlands.

Dr. Ed Elliott, CMSU president, said the institutions involved are hoping to expand into the international arena with the successes they have had with local and regional internships. The goal is to begin with internships in Central Europe, then eventually expand into other areas of the globe with additional internship opportunities.

"We know that if American businesses and industries are going to survive, they'll have to know how to succeed in the international marketplace," Elliott said. "Colleges and universities have a responsibility to ensure that tomorrow's workers are prepared to meet those global challenges."

J.P. Mees, provost and vice president for academic affairs at CMSU, said student internships will be conducted in cooperation with the colleges of business at each participating American institution. □

Southeast launches new orientation

Begging Saturday, Southeast Missouri State University will launch a revamped one-day new student orientation for beginning freshmen.

The sessions, which in the past have been offered over a two-day period in the summer, are to assist students in becoming more connected to the campus.

"We are modeling this after other universities that have learned about the importance of getting an early commitment from students," said Sandy Hinkle, Southeast associate registrar.

Other new student orientation and registration programs are scheduled for Feb. 25, April 1, June 3, July 8, and July 22. □

MNEA

Teachers for Students**Educators join forces at Capitol**

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Approximately 300 area teachers and public school employees came to the Capitol yesterday to meet with legislators and lobby for the Missouri National Education Association.

Chartered in 1973, the MNEA meets for Lobby Day once a year. This year, the group's mission includes strengthening the education profession, protecting funding for public education, ensuring safe schools, making collective bargaining a choice, providing due process for education employees, and improving retirement benefits.

MNEA President Martha Karlovetz said Lobby Day is an important part of the mission.

"[The teachers] help tie the issues to the legislative issues back home," Karlovetz said. "They will decide what the issues mean in their areas and in their districts."

The three acts the group supports are a retirement option for employees who have served 25 or more years, full funding of foun-

dation formula, and a bill that would distance the chances of violence reaching students.

In accordance with the latter, Karlovetz said the MNEA has created a violence task force that has assigned itself the duty of backing 15 legislative actions this session. The initiatives are directed toward establishing better cooperation between school administrations and public juvenile records.

The MNEA focused its attention on five bills yesterday.

Two bills the MNEA opposes are acts dealing with performance standards and vouchers. With the voucher system, taxes from parents whose children private schools would be directed away from the public schools.

One Carthage teacher lobbied in opposition to the voucher bill.

"I would hate to see the demise of any school," said Judy Fisher, a learning disability teacher from Fairview Elementary. "This would really hurt the small school districts that depend mostly on state funds to operate."

Fisher has participated in the MNEA event the past four years. She was the only representative from the area.



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

Judy Glover, secretary of government relations for the Missouri National Education Association, hands out information packets to Missouri teachers at the briefing for the MNEA's Lobby Day.

"Even if I am the only educator to come, at least the legislators from the area will get a feel for how the majority of the people in my district feel," Fisher said.

The MNEA, a volunteer membership association, is the state's fastest-growing association for teachers and other educational employees. It has approximately 27,000 members. □

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Legislators consider axing lobbyists' gifts

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

A few lawmakers are trying to do some janitorial work around the State Capitol.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) testified before the Senate corrections committee Tuesday in an attempt to eliminate, or at least restrict, gifts provided to legislators

by lobbyists.

"This is an awkward bill," Singleton told the committee. "I would like to see some input to make it better."

A similar bill in the House sponsored by Rep. Greg Canuteson (D-Liberty) was sent to a subcommittee last week. Canuteson said he isn't in the business of accusing fellow legislators of dishonest activity.

"We're not being self-righteous," Canuteson said. "I'm not saying that some legislators are good or some are bad. That's not the intention."

Singleton and Canuteson said the bills' main purpose is to strengthen the public's opinion about lawmakers.

"One problem is the perception of the public as to how we're dealing with lobbyists," Singleton said.

When the Senate committee

asked if he has any witnesses, Singleton placed a two-inch-thick summary of contributions from lobbyists made in fiscal year 1994.

"John Q. Public isn't anywhere in these papers," he said.

The bills would also restrict any advantage one lobbyist has over another financially, Canuteson said.

"This would create an even playing field for lobbyists," Canuteson

said. "It would also restore people's belief in the system."

Canuteson said he trusts that his fellow legislators are somewhat virtuous.

"I have never seen an instance where a legislator has been influenced by a lobbyist," he said. "I would like to think that the integrity of the legislators here is stronger than that." □

FIRST AMENDMENT

High schoolers ask for rights

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

A House judiciary committee heard testimony Tuesday from several Missouri journalism advisers in favor of a bill that would give students total responsibility for content of high school publications.

If passed, the bill would ensure that "student editors of student publications" would "be responsible for determining the news, opinion, and advertising content of such publications." It would also nullify the importance of a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

In the 1988 *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier* case, the Court decided that administrators can censor high school publications so long as the censorship has a "valid educational purpose."

Lisa Scroggs, a journalism adviser

at Jefferson City High School, said her students should have the same rights as professionals.

"From the point of view of First Amendment rights, whom is it intended for?" Scroggs asked. "As an adviser, I want students to have the opportunity to work with the rights and responsibilities that fall under the First Amendment."

"What keeps students under control are ethics and morals," Hankins said, "not threats by administrations."

"I have no difficulty as an adviser giving the kids the opportunity to learn and make mistakes."

Scroggs expressed similar confidence in her students' ability to make decisions.

"[The bill] is going to scare people because it gives responsibility to students," she said. "But unless you're a teacher, you wouldn't know whether they would be able to make good decisions. I see these kids everyday, and I think they are very capable." □

A BIG 'THANK YOU'

Ryan BRONSON/The Chart
Gov. Mel Carnahan (left) honors Loretta Fuller with a certificate of appreciation for her service to the community. Sen. Michael Lybyer (D-Huggins) watches from the background.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Today 16

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia free lunch,
Stegge Hall basement.
Noon—
Brown Bag Lunch series,
"Experiences in Mongolia
and Russia," by William
Carter, BSC 310.

Noon to 1 p.m.—
Latter-Day Saints Student
Association, BSC 313.
Noon to 8 p.m.—
Southern Software '95,
(Computer and Software
vendors in the area display
products to businesses,
faculty, students) Ummel
Technology Building.

12:15 p.m.—
Model United Nations
Club, Webster Hall 111.
12:15 to 1 p.m.—
Career Planning
Workshop, "On the Job:
Building Your Professional
Image," BSC 314.
5:30 p.m.—
T.N.T. (Thursday-Nights-
Together), free food,
exciting programs, great
speakers, Baptist Student
Union.

Tomorrow 17

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—
Langston Hughes Read-in,
Spiva Library.
Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor
Hall 123.
12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.—
Career Planning
Workshop, "Mind Your
Manners," BSC 306.
1 p.m.—
Board of Regents, BSC 314.
7 p.m.—
Langston Hughes
Celebration, speaker
Violet Harris, free
admission, Webster Hall
auditorium.

Saturday 18

8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.—
"Turbo Tax," Management
Development Institute
computer workshop,
Matthews Hall 303.
1 p.m.—
Lady Lions Basketball vs
Northeast Missouri, Robert
Ellis Young Gymnasium.
3 p.m.—
Lions Basketball vs
Northeast Missouri, Robert
Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Sunday 19

9:30 a.m.—
Fellowship Baptist
Church College Sunday
School, Baptist Student
Union.

Monday 20

9 a.m.—
Admission Office Spring
Visit Day, (high school
students from more than
50 regional schools
invited) BSC.

Tuesday 21

Noon—
Newman Club Catholic
Organization, fellowship,
food, and fun, BSC 306.
12:15 p.m.—
College Republicans, BSC
311.
12:15 p.m.—
Non-Traditional Student
Association, BSC First
Floor Lounge.

Wednesday 22

Senior Assessment Day
No Classes
5:30 p.m.—
Lady Lions Basketball at
Central Missouri.
7:30 p.m.—
Lions Basketball at Central
Missouri.

Chart AROUND CAMPUS

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PHI ETA SIGMA**Honor society to give commendation***Nominations deadline Feb. 24**By BECKI BROWN
STAFF WRITER*

Phi Eta Sigma, the freshmen honor society, is accepting applications for its annual Making a World of Difference recognition award.

The only requirement for nomination is that individuals be members of the Missouri Southern

community, said Jennifer Kuncl, Phi Eta Sigma president.

She said the chosen nominees should exhibit actions or behaviors in or out of the classroom which generate a positive impact on Southern.

"This is an award that can focus on community members, students, or faculty members," Kuncl

said. "Anyone can be nominated."

Nominees should be the type of people who make Southern a better place, said Susan Williams, the organization's faculty adviser.

A panel consisting of Williams, six Phi Eta Sigma officers, and a group of selected faculty members reviews the nominations. One award recipient is chosen.

Williams said the panel looks at the quality of the nominations. The panel also considers the out-

standing behaviors and quality traits in the nominees.

"The panel will choose who we feel is making a significant difference," Kuncl said. "We will look at what the individual has done for Missouri Southern."

Kuncl said the organization has already received six nominations. She urges people to participate.

Phi Eta Sigma will recognize and present a plaque to the Making a World of Difference

award winner at its spring banquet on March 23. New members will be inducted at that banquet. The society's scholarship recipient will be announced that evening also.

Nomination forms can be picked up in the counseling center in Hearnes Hall or in the student services office in the Billingsly Student Center. The forms must be turned in at the same locations by Friday, Feb. 24. □

ACCOUNTING CLUB**VITA provides tax assistance to community**

Service to continue every Saturday through April 15 at Joplin Library.

*By PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER*

Income taxes may be a frustrating certainty, but help in preparing the forms is available through VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

"Over the past five years we have averaged about 200 people who we have helped each year, so it seems we are providing a pretty helpful service," said Steve Parrigon, senior accounting major and a VITA coordinator.

"It is a good way for us to get a first-hand experience in accounting tax work."

VITA is sponsored by the Missouri Southern Accounting Club in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service.

Twenty-eight students are in their first year, and eight are in their sec-

ond or third year of the program. A faculty adviser is available should they need help.

The group offers its assistance every Saturday at the Joplin Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through April 15.

Those interested should take their tax packages, W-2 forms, interest statements, other pertinent tax data, and 1993 returns with them.

VITA is a class for which students receive credit. One hour is given for the first year, and two hours for succeeding years.

"It is interesting to meet all the different kinds of people who come in," Parrigon said.

"One of the best things is to see their face when they know they get a refund."

"We try to tell them as gently as we can when they have to pay-

Steve Parrigon
VITA coordinator

AMATEUR ACCOUNTANTS

PHYLLIS DETAR/The Chart

Accounting students participating in Missouri Southern's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program are available for consultation in the Joplin Public Library every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

More people have to pay on the state than the federal."

The students involved are not only acquiring college credit, they are providing a service to the community.

"I have been coming down here for the last three years," said Edna Pfister of Joplin. "I feel they do an excellent job. They are all so friendly and helpful."

Pfister takes advantage of other opportunities offered by Southern. She has taken aquaculture and arts and crafts classes, and is considering a course in computers because "even my great-grandchildren know something about them." □

COME JOIN THE FUN

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Harlem Wizard Sandie "Lady Majik" Prophete pulls former Missouri Southern basketball player Keith Allen off the home bench to participate in a mock basketball game. The event, sponsored by the CAB, was held Sunday at Young Gymnasium.

CORN, FROM PAGE 4

I haven't had a single call or letter in regard to Drury on the schedule. So, I would say you're in the minority when you classify Drury as a rivalry.

Finally, to the part of your column which made me write this letter. I resent you calling the basketball team an embarrassment to the College. These young men work hard every day, and

I'm proud of them. I'll stand behind my players and support them to the end.

Yes, we lost the game by a sizable margin, but we benefited from the experience. I find it amusing that all the material written is negative. If there isn't anything positive to write about Missouri Southern, then maybe you should transfer to Drury. It's

easy to hide behind a pen and paper. If you're looking for an embarrassment to the College, you might start with your column.

Robert Corn
Head Basketball Coach

HONEY, FROM PAGE 4

Who would say the course he/she teaches is structured to teach values? Most faculty model many of their values to students before taking a step into a classroom.

There are values expressed in what we choose to teach or emphasize in a course and, then, in how we teach it.

We may find that all these pieces work together and support one another to make that intricate fit called a Missouri Southern education. The core and major coursework, the advising, interaction with faculty, the leadership and teamwork training available in campus clubs, and the capstone experiences that

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SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and so on...

ON CAMPUS

Southern Theatre
477-625-9393
Feb. 27-Mar. 5—Charlotte's Web.
April 19-22—Twelfth Night.
Matthews Hall
Feb. 21—The Emperor's Nightingale & Running, Jumping, and Standing Still.
March 7—The Roots.
March 21—Private's Progress.
April 4—The Cloak.
Phinney Hall
May 16—Choral Society.
Webster Hall
Tomorrow—Langston Hughes Celebration.
March 2—Southern Trio.
Taylor Auditorium
March 22-25—Madrigal Dinner.
April 27—Southern Concert Band.
May 4—Southern Jazz Band.
May 8—Community Orchestra.
May 11—Spring Choral Concert.

JOPLIN

The ByPass
624-9095
Tomorrow—The Victors.
Feb. 18—The Missionaries.
Feb. 19—Jimmy Thackery & The Drivers.
Feb. 24—Subterraneans with Grady.
Feb. 25—Live Comedy Show.
March 1—William Clarke.
March 11—Comfortable Shoes.
March 12—Coco Montoya.
Champs Bar and Grill
782-4944
Tomorrow and Saturday—
Smoot Mahut.
Feb. 24-25—The Oscillators.
Mar. 3-4—Blues Blasters.
Culture Shock
96 Main Street
Tomorrow—Brine with Devolve.
March 2—The Queers with Breakups and Frogpond.

CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre
477-358-9665
Feb. 18—Love Letters.
Feb. 19—Mister Lincoln.
Mar. 16, 17, and 18—Opal's Million Dollar Duck.
Apr. 8, 9—You Caught Me Dancing.
Apr. 20/21/22—A Woman With No Name.
June 29, 30, 31—Cat On A Hot Tin Roof.

KANSAS CITY

Memorial Hall
869-931-3330
Feb. 23—Sheryl Crow.
Feb. 25—Joe Cocker.
March 22—Mary Chapin Carpenter with the Mavericks.
Sandstone
869-931-3330
April 30 & May 1—The Eagles.
May 26—R.E.M.

ST. LOUIS

Rickman Auditorium
314-296-8000
March 11—Glen Campbell.
April 8—Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.
May 13—The Oak Ridge Boys.
American Theatre
314-294-7600
Tomorrow—Steven Wright.
Fox Theatre
314-534-1111
Feb. 24—George Duke.
Feb. 25—Randy Travis with Sammy Kershaw.
Feb. 26—Joe Cocker.
March 7—The Black Crowes.
Kiel Center
314-291-7600
April 5—The Eagles.
May 6—Robert Plant and Jimmy Page.

TULSA

Philbrook Museum of Art
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Now through Feb. 19—The History of Oklahoma Artists Annual Exhibition.
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PRACTICE TIME



DAN WISZKON/The Chan

Joanie Martin, sophomore music education major, practices the piano Tuesday afternoon in Phinney Hall. Among the selections Martin practiced were waltzes and scherzos by composer Frederic Chopin.

SOUTHERN ENTERTAINMENT

Madrigal coming to Taylor Renaissance festival to feature jugglers, performances

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

You may not see Michelangelo or Leonardo da Vinci at Taylor Auditorium next month, but you will get a flavor for the time period in which they lived.

The first Madrigal Dinner at Missouri Southern, featuring jesters, jugglers, magicians, and other entertainers, will run March 22-25.

The dinner, which will feature a play, is a joint effort by the English, theatre, music, and art departments.

The setting will represent a 16th-century European atmosphere.

Bud Clark, instructor of music, is in charge of the four-night event. He said several colleges and universities throw a madrigal dinner, and it was time Southern gave it a try.

Tickets can be purchased for \$15 in the music department. Clark said the ticket price, which includes all of the food and festivities persons will get at the dinner, is a bargain.

FAST FACTS

WHAT: Renaissance dinner featuring live theatre and music

WHEN: March 22-25

WHERE: Taylor Auditorium

COST: \$15

Because silverware wasn't in use during the Renaissance period, no silverware will be used at the Madrigal Dinner.

Some of the actors and entertainers are getting enthused about the Renaissance revival.

"I've never been in a madrigal before, so I'm really excited," said Rhonda Storms, senior music major.

"I think it will be a lot of fun for us as participants, but I also think it would be fun for the people who come and get to see something different."

Scott Vandeman, secondary music education major, will also take part in the event, perhaps as a knight. Every night will be different, Vandeman said, as the same show will not be repeated.

"It's going to be a medieval three-ring circus," he said. "It's a chance to show off the choir and have some fun."

Rehearsals are now underway, but Clark pointed out there is still a need for people who can juggle or have unique talents that could add to the show. □

"I don't think we'll go down the tubes if funding is cut, but it (the funding) gives us some breathing room," Fritz said.

But, she said, private contributions are integral to survival.

"I don't know if organizations

are important to the community.

"We may lose some good programs," Coring said. "But we think they will survive and may be stronger for the experience. It will be difficult, but it needs to be done." □

MOVIE REVIEW

'Yellow Dog' an adventure for children, adults alike

Despite youth, Bradford delivers sensitive performance

By WILLIAM GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Washed ashore in the wilderness of the Pacific Northwest, Angus McCormick, 14, has only a trusted canine and a deep-rooted will to survive in the adventure *Far From Home: The Adventures of Yellow Dog*.

The adventure begins when Angus, his father John, and Yellow Dog are suddenly captured by a wall of water capsizing their boat. John is rescued, but Angus and Yellow get stranded in the untouched wilderness of Canada. The boy and dog have only each other to get through the trials of the forest. The duo must battle hunger, lack of shelter, and predatory wildlife.

Far From Home brings innocence and emotional qualities back to a theatre market super-saturated with action movies, comedies, and sexual explicitness. Family values are alive and well in this

movie, and Yellow is the glue to an already bonded family.

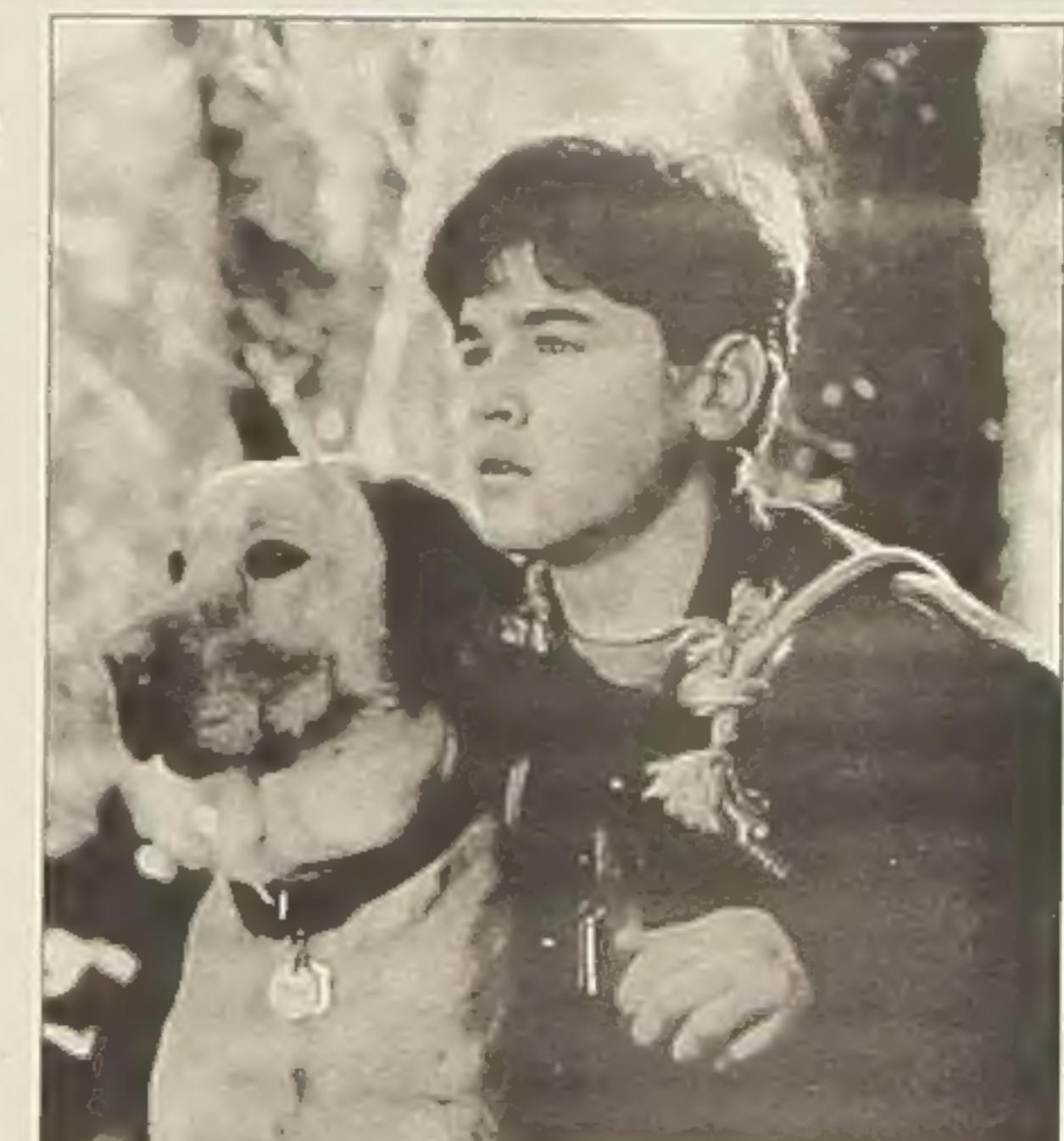
Jesse Bradford gives a sensitive performance as Angus. Having little life experience to base emotion on, Bradford is way beyond his years. I sat in the theatre believing (his character?), sometimes a difficult feat for movie makers to accomplish. I can't wait to see (Bradford's?) future performances.

Bruce Davidson plays John McCormick. Mimi Rogers plays the role of Katherine, John's wife.

Davidson and Rogers combined the aspects of parenting with never giving up on their son. Both parents knew Angus would use his abilities as a survivor to pull himself through.

Far From Home: The Adventures of Yellow Dog is a must-see for families with small children. Children will fall in love with Yellow, and parents will rediscover the values that family is all about.

Far From Home is now showing at the Crown Cinemas located in the Sears Plaza. □



Jesse Bradford portrays Angus McCormick in the Twentieth Century Fox production of 'Far From Home: The Adventures of Yellow Dog.'

Stone's Throw to revive 2 plays

By MICHAEL DAVISON
STAFF WRITER

Stone's Throw Theatre will celebrate Valentine's Day and President's Day this weekend.

Love Letters and *Mister Lincoln* will be shown again because of requests received by the theatre.

"With the success of our current presentation, *The Trip to Bountiful*, and with our very full schedules this year and next, now seems to be the best time to revive these outstanding productions," said Henry Heckert, resident director.

Love Letters will be shown at 7:15 p.m. Saturday. Directed by Brandi

Robertson, a Missouri Southern graduate, the play is a series of letters exchanged between a man and a woman over their entire lifetime.

"We did it last year as a Valentine's Day special, and it was so well received we decided to do it again," Heckert said.

Heckert and Jo Woods play Melissa and Andy, the man and woman who connect only once in this example of reader's theatre.

It is a play that is meant to be read, not memorized, he said.

"It's a richly woven tapestry of life," Heckert said, "and is touching, amusing, and hard for some people to handle because it hits too close to their own lives."

Mister Lincoln, a one-man show, will be presented at 1:45 p.m. Sunday. Dr. William Roehling, a Joplin dentist, plays America's 16th president.

"By today's standards, he wouldn't stand a chance as a politician," Heckert said. "Like Jesus, he would have a tough time in today's world."

He was an astute politician and managed to serve as president with only two secretaries. This would be unheard of today with all the people on the president's staff."

Heckert called Herbert Mitgang's script excellent.

The production, directed by Heckert, was shown last fall and

the theatre received requests to recreate the play.

The theatre will provide concessions before both of the productions. Sandwiches, salads, drinks, and desserts will be on sale 45 minutes before the curtain rises.

Reservations are required, and patrons should reserve seats early. Single performance admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets for both productions are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Season tickets will not be valid for these special, non-subscription performances.

For more information, persons may call the box office at (417) 358-9665 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. □

CROSSED SIGNALS

VICKI STEELE/The Chan

Bubba Williams, Missouri and Northern Arkansas Railroad Co. track inspector, made repairs on the Atlas line branch on Feb. 8.

FAMILY PLANNING

Teen mothers face dubious future

Federal government may slice pregnant girls from welfare pie

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

For every taxpayer in America, regardless of age or gender, teen pregnancy is a problem. The responsibility for providing for the health and well-being of teen mothers and their babies falls, to a large degree, on the federal government.

In Washington D.C., that has folks talking. Entitlements, including welfare, are now the largest slice of the budget pie.

One effort to reduce spending comes from U.S. Rep. Clay Shaw (R-Fla.). In his plan, no welfare payments would be made to single teen mothers.

"I personally feel [such legislation] is an effort to solve one problem by creating another," said Marcia Benbrook, Jasper County Family Services.

"That is pretty much legislating morality, and it just doesn't work," she said. "The intent is good, but I don't think it will significantly change the problem."

Benbrook believes welfare reform will need to be coupled with health-care reform to have a positive effect.

The cost of teen pregnancy does

not end at delivery, nor can it always be defined in dollars.

Teen mothers are rarely able to provide a nurturing home for their children, and as a result, the children get a poor start. The effects fall like dominoes through society.

"Twenty-four percent of babies born in Jasper County are born to teens," said Steve Fuhr, clinic manager of the Joplin Health Department. "Any pregnancy in a woman under age 18 is a high-risk pregnancy."

Especially in this area, it's almost a rite of passage to have a baby. Their (teens) unrealistic expectations set them up for a big letdown.

Kim Conroy
Crisis Pregnancy Center director

Defining the root cause of teen pregnancy is difficult because there are multiple factors.

Rhonda McFarland, nurse coordinator at Freeman Maternity Clinic, identified three contributing causes.

"I definitely think it stems from a lack of morals," she said. "And for

some girls, it is a ticket to free food and free money—\$200 a month sounds like a lot of money to a teen."

Additionally, she characterized many of the pregnant teens she sees as having low self-esteem.

"Many of these girls don't feel accepted or loved by anyone," she said. "They think a baby will have love them."

Kim Conroy, director of the Crisis Pregnancy Center, shares that view.

"Especially in this area, it's almost a rite of passage to have a baby," she said. "Their (teens) unrealistic expectations set them up for a big letdown."

Planned Parenthood since 1979, said the local chapter has less opportunity to teach sex education in the schools now than it did in the 1980s.

"And that was before we even talked about AIDS," she said.

Conroy believes easier access to birth control actually increases teen pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

"Birth control has been offered as a cure-all," she said, "and it's not. Girls mistakenly believe they are safe when they are on birth control."

For that reason, girls are given "self control" counseling rather than "birth control" counseling at the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Condoms alone are never recommended at Planned Parenthood, Moore said.

"Condoms won't prevent either pregnancy or STDs," she said. "Only abstinence is 100 percent effective. The idea is that at least you have a chance. It's better than nothing."

"A lot of these girls just don't think," McFarland said.

She believes they need long-term assistance, either from the government or private organizations.

"Pregnant teens need a support system as the child grows, not just until it's born," she said. "Having babies is easy; raising children is much more difficult."

ON THE RIGHT

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chan

Wendell Bailey, former Missouri treasurer (left), met with U.S. Rep. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), and U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock (R-Mo.) after a press conference held by Hancock Saturday night at Ramada Inn, Joplin.

ROAD NEWS

Joplin receives highway improvements

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Completion of a new four-lane highway south of Joplin is expected before 1996, according to Bob Wilbert, district materials engineer for the Missouri Highway Department.

On Feb. 3, the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission awarded Joplin \$9 million to build the 5.3-mile highway. The highway department's goal is to extend the new highway to the Arkansas border in the next 10 to 15 years he said. Arkansas is building a road from Alma, Ark., near Fort Smith, to meet the Missouri highway.

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"Right now, we are working on the third grading project," Wilbert said. "Weather permitting, we'll soon have that done and then we can start paving the road."

Two of three grading projects have been completed on the stretch of road which begins at Highway 71 (32nd Street) about two miles east of Range Line off I-44. The interchange system for the new road is now open from I-44 to 32nd Street.

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Southern slips from first

Missouri Western captures league lead with 83-73 home victory over Lady Lions

By NICK PARKER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Missouri Western took sole possession of first place in the MIAA last night with an 83-73 victory over Missouri Southern.

The Lady Lions saw a nine-game winning streak end as their record dropped to 17-6 overall and 11-2 in the conference. The Lady Griffons are now 21-1 and 12-1.

"We hurt ourselves early. We got behind 10 points, I believe, and we didn't get anything going on offense. We turned the ball over and missed some makeable shots."

The Lady Lions turned to a press defense early, trying to score in transition, but could not overcome the early lead established by Missouri Western. The Lady Griffons were up 36-31 at

halftime.

Senior guard Sonya Harlin hit a three-pointer early in the second half to give Southern a 40-39 lead with 16:50 left. The game was tied three times, and each team led five times.

"We shot the ball real well about the first 13 or 14 minutes of the second half," Ballard said. "We

We hurt ourselves early. We got behind 10 points, I believe, and we didn't get anything going on offense. We turned the ball over and missed some makeable

more minutes tonight."

Amy Towne and Tonya Foster combined for 53 of Missouri Western's 83 points, scoring 27 and 26, respectively.

On Saturday, the Lady Lions staged a comeback to prevail over Lincoln University, 84-59. With Southern trailing 32-15 in the first half, Ballard had to use all three of his timeouts to settle his team down. The Lady Lions then went on a 13-0 run to close out the half.

"We weren't shooting well the first half," he said. "Shooting is contagious."

When your key players aren't hitting it tends to filter down. When they start hitting, it tends to rub off on the rest."

Southern went from shooting 30 percent from the field in the first half to 51 percent after intermission.

The Lions take the court against Northeast Missouri State at 1 p.m. Saturday in Young Gymnasium. Northeast, 7-14 overall, is ninth in the MIAA at 4-8. □

Scott Ballard
Lady Lions' head basketball coach

had the lead there for a while, and then we got out of sync as far as what we were trying to do offensively."

Harlin led the Lady Lions with 20 points, and junior guard Melissa Grider followed with 19. Junior guard Andrea Comstock had 12 points in only eight minutes of action.

"Andrea's been playing well for about two or three weeks now," Ballard said. "I wish I had played

for the first four minutes as Missouri Western jumped to an 8-0 lead.

"We hurt ourselves early," said head coach Scott Ballard. "We got behind 10 points, I believe, and we didn't get anything going on offense. We turned the ball over and missed some makeable shots."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Griffons fend off Lions' surges in win

After 83-67 loss to Missouri Western, Southern faces uphill climb to playoffs

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

In an 83-67 loss to the No. 9-ranked Missouri Western Griffons, Missouri Southern played a game of catch-up last night in St. Joseph.

The loss dips the Lions' record to 5-8 in the MIAA and 10-13 overall.

Western improves to 10-3, keeping a firm hold on second place in the conference, and 20-3 overall.

With the loss, Southern is marred in a must-win situation in its final three MIAA games.

Two times in the second half, Southern found itself down by more than 14 points but twice pulled within single digits of the Griffon lead.

Southern exploded on a 13-1 run at the beginning of the second half, shrinking Western's lead from 16 points to five.

"We did a much better job executing and getting the ball where we wanted," said Lion

head coach Robert Corn. "They (Western) cooled off a little. They weren't shooting the 3s like they did in the second half."

"We played some pretty good basketball for a couple of spurts there in the second half. But it came down to the point where we had to make a big defensive stand to keep our momentum, and we weren't able to do it."

Junior center Iric Farmer, who finished the game with 10 points, sparked Southern's surge with five points in the first three minutes of the second half.

Corn said Farmer's play in the paint was something the Lions could have used throughout the contest.

"Iric did a much better job posting up," he said. "I felt we did a much better job going to the basket with authority and trying to score the basket first."

But Southern's sudden success lost its luster after Griffon guard Scott Washington's three-pointer swung the momentum in Western's favor. The hosts erupt-

ed on a 14-1 tear for an 18-point lead at the 11:27 mark of the second half.

Missouri Western head coach Tom Smith and the Griffons could not seem to bury the final nail in the Lions' coffin. Behind the play of junior forward Kevin Shorter, the Lions saw a glimpse of daylight after shrinking Western's lead to seven with 6:48 to play.

But the daylight disappeared after Western's Jerran Cobb scored eight straight points to catapult the lead back up to 15.

Corn said Cobb, who finished with 19 points, put the game firmly in the Griffons' hands after killing the Lions' late rally.

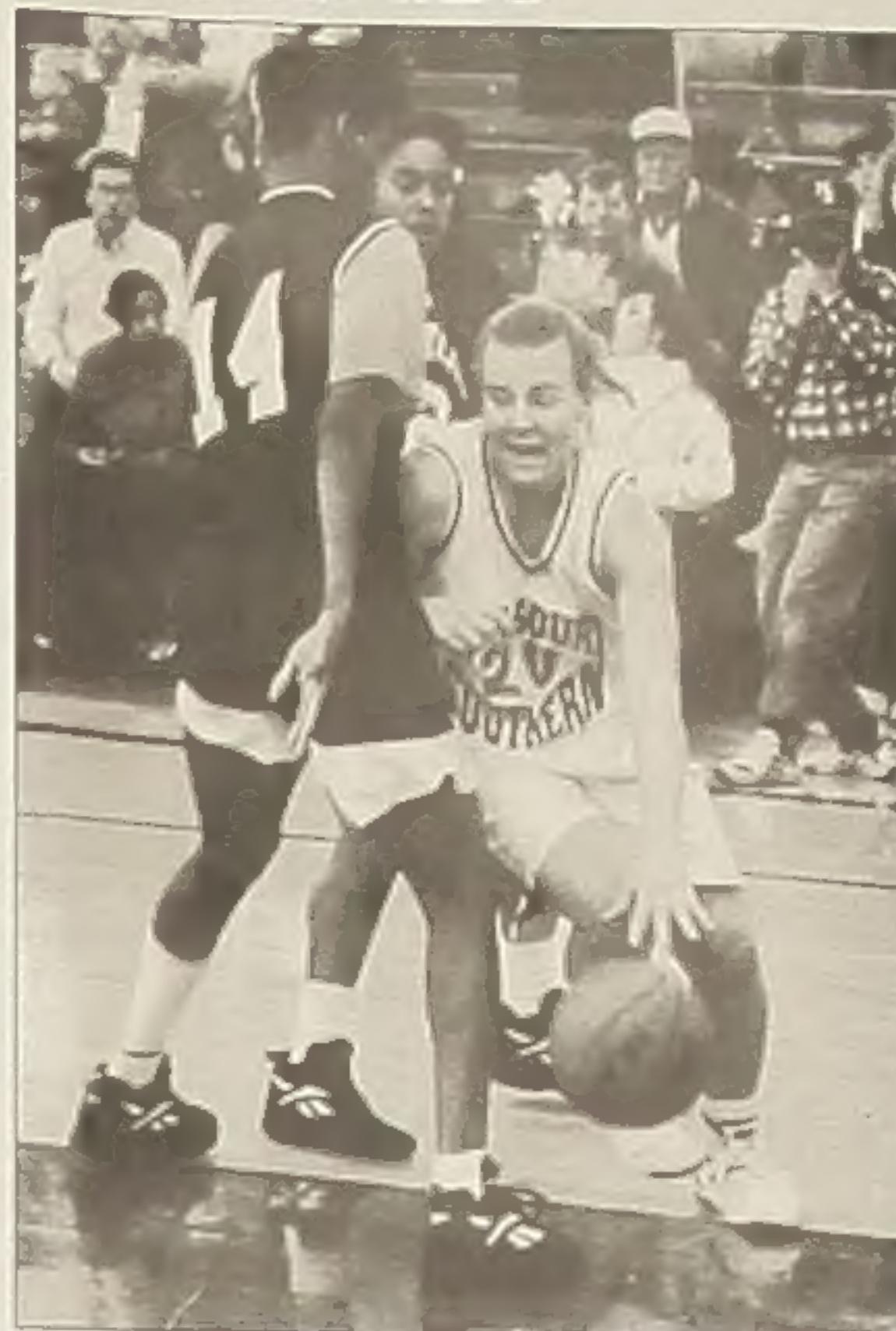
"He (Cobb) really hurt us down the stretch," Corn said. "He hit a couple of 2s on post-up moves, and then stepped out and hit a 3."

"They are a very good ball club. They were quicker to the ball many more times than we were tonight."

Sisson led the Lions with 28 points, including 21 in the second half.

Western, led by Darryl Wright with 24 points, had four players in double figures. □

SNEAKS PAST THE 'D'



JOHN HACKER/The Chart
Junior guard Melissa Grider pushes her way through a Lincoln University Tigerette in last Saturday's game at Young Gymnasium.

BASEBALL

Arkansas rallies late, escapes with victory

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

It's too bad for Southern that close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades and not in baseball.

"It was almost unbelievable," was how head coach Warren Turner described Southern's 5-4 loss to the University of Arkansas Friday in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Lions jumped ahead 4-1 in the top of the fifth when freshman center fielder Stephen Crane smacked a line-drive double, swiped third, and scored on junior second baseman Zack Harpole's grounder.

The Razorbacks struck back in the bottom half of the inning, scoring four runs and sending senior starting pitcher Scott Wright (0-2) to the showers. Wright allowed five runs and seven hits in his 4 1/3 innings of work.

Southern threatened with three straight walks in the top of the six only to have Arkansas escape the inning unscathed.

Southern, now 0-3, outhit Ark-

ansas 11-11.

Turner said the Lions showed "massive" improvements in all aspects of their game Friday.

"We're playing better," he said. "We're not making as many mistakes. We're learning to play the competition with a lot of new players."

Two other games against Arkansas and one against Oklahoma State were canceled due to cold weather. Turner said the long lay-off could have an effect on a team's performance.

"Baseball is a game where you need to practice and play," he said. "And if you take off, you tend to lose consistency and sharpness in both pitching and hitting. You need to play, so I hope we can make up those games."

The Lions will travel to Warrensburg Feb. 26 to battle Central Missouri State University, who captured the NCAA Division II crown last year. Turner said the game will be a true test.

"I'm sure they will be good," he said. "They have a new coach, and I'm sure it will be a challenge for us." □

SPORTS COLUMN

Fans start to notice walk-on

Fans are beginning to notice a new face on the Lady Lion basketball squad. Tonya Hocker, a sophomore walk-on, first caught everyone's attention on Jan. 25 in a 102-66 blowout of Northwest Missouri State. An anxious crowd watched as Hocker hit a free throw to become the final Lady Lion to enter the scoring column.

Hocker's statistics certainly aren't impressive. She has seen only 41 minutes of action this season, scoring but three points in her 10 games. But her contributions to the team far outweigh her 0.3 scoring and rebounding average.

She celebrated her 21st birthday in practice Tuesday, serving as the 10th person in a spirited, two-team scrimmage. At the end of practice, Hocker was required to participate in a "birthday lineup" where teammates swatted her in celebration.

Hocker, from Drexel, Mo., said she was surprised at the fan support she has received, especially during the Northwest game.

"I know I had about four or five shots where I was wide open," she said. "I was so nervous because everybody was cheering. Maybe if I had not been so nervous I might have scored an actual bucket instead of a free throw."

"It feels pretty good," she said. "I didn't even know I had that much support. I didn't think anybody knew who I was, being a walk-on."

Hocker, who was the team manager two years ago, didn't expect much playing time this season. She knew she was at a disadvantage joining one of the top teams in the conference without a scholarship.

"I knew I was going to be more of a practice player and helping the team out in that way," she said.

Head coach Scott Ballard said he has been impressed with Hocker's work ethic and her improvement over the course of the season. He has found her role in the practices invaluable.

"She is very valuable in the standpoint that she picks up things quickly," Ballard said. "She is very bright and intelligent and has a good understanding for basketball. She is a good passer; she finds people well."

Ballard said Hocker knows her role and that he's impressed with the way she fills it.

"She is quiet; she doesn't complain or grumble," he said. "She is a neat person to have on the team because she is dependable and reliable."

"She works hard and quietly goes about her business. For most purposes she is a practice player, but she's had some minutes. She's gotten her feet wet, understands her job, and does it better than anyone else could do it."

Another quality Ballard sees in Hocker is that she is the same person all the time. He says she is a "neat, mature young lady."

Although he cannot decide until next season, Ballard hopes Hocker will see more playing time.

Hocker has three years of eligibility remaining. She says she still has room to improve, but most likely we will see more of her on the court in the next few years. □

SOUTHERN SCOREBOARD

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Lions Basketball

Saturday—Southern vs. Northeast Missouri, home 3 p.m.
Wednesday—Southern vs. Central Missouri, away 7:30 p.m.

Lady Lions Basketball

Saturday—Southern vs. Northeast Missouri, home 1 p.m.
Wednesday—Southern vs. Central Missouri, away 5:30 p.m.

Track and Field

Friday—Pittsburg State Invitational (Indoor meet)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

1995 Conference Standings (2-11)

	Con.	Overall
1. Northeast Missouri	10-2	14-7
2. Missouri Western (12)	9-3	13-9
3. Washburn	9-3	16-8
4. Central Missouri	8-4	17-5
5. Missouri-St. Louis	7-6	13-9
6. Pittsburg State	7-5	11-10
7. Northwest Missouri	6-6	12-10
8. Southwest Baptist	5-7	14-8
9. Missouri Southern	5-7	10-12
10. Emporia State	3-9	5-16
11. Lincoln	2-10	6-18
12. Missouri-Polla	1-11	9-13

Lions Stats

Player	PPG	FG%
Season	23.7	.513
Shorter	14.9	.478
Hardin	8.8	.380
Farmer	9.2	.524
Henderson	9.0	.367
Smith	6.8	.350
Rey	5.1	.368
Rath	2.1	.415
Hinds	1.8	.500

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

1995 Conference Standings (2-11)

	Con.	Overall
1. Missouri Western (2)	11-1	25-2
2. Missouri Southern (2)	11-1	17-8
3. Washburn	8-3	17-5
4. Pittsburg State (7)	8-4	18-4



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